Creation of India Reserve Battallions

2844. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the creation of India Reserve Battallions;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the constitution and functional responsibility of this para-military force; and

(d) whether this force will be permanently stationed in one State or will keep shifting on necessity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India Reserve Battalions have been approved as given below:—

Name of State	Phase I	Phase II
Andhra Pradesh	2	2
Assam	2	—
Himachal Pradesh	1	—
Mizoram	1	—
Manipur	1	—
Punjab	5	5
Rajasthan	2	—
Sikkim	1	—
Total:	15	7

(c) An IR Battalion is an armed police force of the State, where it is raised. The I.R. battalion is more or less based on the pattern of a State Armed Police Battalion. I.R. Battalions are primarily to argument the armed police forces of the States to maintain 'Public Order' more effectively to minimise dependence on the Armed Forces of the Union.

(d) IR Battalions will be stationed in the State of their origin, but will be available to other States, to help them, when required.

ULFA Secessionist Activities

2845. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the secessionist activities of ULFA are picking up momentum;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There have been some reports that ULFA cadres are trying to regroup in rural areas.

(b) and (c) Constant vigil is being maintained by Army, para military forces and the State Police Force. An Army operation under the name 'Operation Rhino' which was launched from 15 Sept., 91 is still continuing. Several ULFA leaders have been arrested. Steps have also been taken for effective co-ordination among the Police organisations of the NE States and the Central Intelligence Agencies to effectively monitor the activities of extremist elements. Efforts are also continuing to keep the doors open for negotiation and for rehabilitation of the ULFA cadres who have surrendered.

Grant of Dual Citizenship to NRIs

2846. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any fresh representations from the NRIs requesting for dual citizenship;

(b) if so, the details of the representations;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal of dual citizenship; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE